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For: LIQUID DISCHARGING APPARATUS AND
LIQUID DISCHARGING METHOD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, also serves as a full and timely response to the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2006. Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.